Navjat Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram

2071. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a new scheme called 'Navjat Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram' to reduce the infant and maternal mortality rates;

(b) if so, the salient features of the new scheme;

(c) whether the implementation norms of the scheme has been discussed with the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government of India has launched the Navjaat Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (NSSK), a Basic New Born Care and Resuscitation programme on 15th of September 2009.

This programme addresses important interventions of care at birth *i.e.* Prevention of Hypothermia, Prevention of Infection, Early initiation of Breast feeding and Basic Newborn Resuscitation. The objective of this new initiative is to have at least one person trained in Basic newborn care and resuscitation at every institutional delivery.

(c) and (d) Yes, the states have been consulted about this programme which is essentially meant to upgrade the skills of Medical Officers, Staff Nurses and ANMs at the health facilities where institutional deliveries are taking place.

Public health spending

2072. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent World Health Organisation (WHO) study, India ranks 171 out of the 175 countries in the World in public health spending;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for poor performance on the public health spending by Government;

(c) whether Government is spending only 0.9 per cent of the GDP on the public health whereas in developed countries it is in double digits; and

(d) if so, the steps contemplated by Government to increase its public health spending in the next few years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) According to World Health Organization (WHO), no study has been conducted during the recent past, which ranks the countries by public health spending.